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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- (currently amended) A scrubbing, buffing machine comprising: Claim 1.
  - (A) a frame, having a front and rear;
  - a first scrubber, said first scrubber further comprising a first gear box (B) dedicated to said first scrubber, a first scrubber housing mounted to said first gear box and a first scrubber pad in mechanical communication with said first gear box and installed in said first scrubber housing, and wherein said first gear box is attached to said front of said frame;
  - a buffer attached to said frame, said buffer further comprising a single (C) buffer pad mounted to a buffer pad cover and to a buffer gear box, which is mechanically powered by a buffer belt which is mechanically attached to a buffer clutch, said buffer belt being driven by a gear motor, and wherein said single buffer pad is located behind said first scrubber and toward said rear of said frame, said single buffer pad being substantially larger than said first scrubber pad;
  - a triple blade squeegee attached to said frame, behind said first scrubber (D) and in front of said buffer;
  - (E) a motor means, mounted on said frame, providing power to said first scrubber and said buffer;

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a fluid bladder tank system in fluid communication with said squeegee, (F) said fluid bladder tank system accommodating clean water, detergent and floor residue vacuumed from said squeegee and adapted to maintain weight distribution of said scrubbing buffing machine during operation, and

- (G) a pad pressure adjustment mechanism attached within said frame, which provides an adjustment for the pad pressure of said pads.
- Claim 2. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 1, wherein said motor means is an engine.
- Claim 3. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second scrubber, said second scrubber further comprising a second gear box dedicated to said second scrubber, a second scrubber housing mounted to said second gear box and a second scrubber pad in mechanical communication with said second gear box and installed in said second scrubber housing, and wherein said second gear box is attached to said front of said frame and powered by said motor means.
- (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim Claim 4. 2, further comprising a vacuum powered by said engine and in communication with said squeegee for removing liquid collected by said squeegee.
- Claim 5. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 2, further comprising a first drive wheel and a second drive wheel, located between said first scrubbing pad and said buffer, each in mechanical communication with said engine.
- (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim Claim 6.

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1, further comprising a first and a second stability wheels, located behind said buffer and attached to said rear of said frame.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 1, further comprising a control panel mounted on said rear of said frame above said buffer for providing user controls.

Claim 8. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 1, wherein said frame is made of steel.

Claim 9. (cancelled)

Claim 10. (cancelled)

Claim 11. (cancelled)

- 12. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 1, wherein said squeegee further comprises:
  - (1) a squeegee mount fixed to said frame, and
  - (2) a squeegee blade attached to said squeegee mount.
- 13. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 2, wherein said engine is selected from the group of engine types consisting of propane engines, gasoline engines, electric motors and battery powered motors.
- 14. (previously presented) The scrubbing, buffing machine, as recited in claim 2, wherein said engine further comprises:
  - (1) a fuel tank attached to said frame;
  - (2) an internal combustion engine receiving fuel from said fuel tank;

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(3) a vacuum / blower in mechanical communication with said internal combustion engine;

- (4) an exhaust cooling chamber receiving exhaust from said vacuum / blower to cool exhaust from said internal combustion engine;
- (5) an electric clutch in mechanical communication with said internal combustion engine;
- (6) an alternator in mechanical communication with said internal combustion engine; and
- (7) a battery in electrical communication with said alternator.